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Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2051–2058, and S. Con. Res. 45–46.

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Measures Reported:

- S. 471, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to The Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–156)
- S. 637, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Chattahoochee Trace National Heritage Corridor in Alabama and Georgia, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–157)
- S. 645, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide an alternate sulfur dioxide removal measurement for certain coal gasification project goals. (S. Rept. No. 110–158)
- S. 1182, to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to increase the authorization of appropriations and modify the date on which the authority of the Secretary of the Interior terminates under the Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–159)
- S. 1203, to enhance the management of electricity programs at the Department of Energy. (S. Rept. No. 110–160)
- S. 1728, to amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to reauthorize the Na Hoa Pili O Kaloko-Honokohau Advisory Commission. (S. Rept. No. 110–161)
- H.R. 85, to provide for the establishment of centers to encourage demonstration and commercial application of advanced energy methods and technologies. (S. Rept. No. 110–162)
- H.R. 247, to designate a Forest Service trail at Waldo Lake in the Willamette National Forest in the State of Oregon as a national recreation trail in

honor of Jim Weaver, a former Member of the House of Representatives. (S. Rept. No. 110–163)

- H.R. 407, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing the Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area in the States of Washington and Oregon. (S. Rept. No. 110–164)
- H.R. 995, to amend Public Law 106–348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. (S. Rept. No. 110–165)
- H. Con. Res. 116, expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, shall be designated as the "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States". (S. Rept. No. 110–166)
- S. 169, to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for the majority of the trails in the System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–167)
- S. 278, to establish a program and criteria for National Heritage Areas in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–168)
- S. 289, to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–169)
- S. 443, to establish the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–170)
- S. 444, to establish the South Park National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–171)
- S. 647, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–172)
- S. 722, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study of certain land adjacent to the Walnut Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona, with an

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amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–173)

- S. 800, to establish the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–174)
- S. 817, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide additional authorizations for certain National Heritage Areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–175)
- S. 838, to authorize funding for eligible joint ventures between United States and Israeli businesses and academic persons, to establish the International Energy Advisory Board, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–176)
- S. 955, to establish the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–177)
- S. 1089, to amend the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act to allow the Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects to hire employees more efficiently, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–178)
- S. 1148, to establish the Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration Commission and the Hudson-Fulton 400th Commemoration Commission, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–179)
- H.R. 1100, to revise the boundary of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in the State of North Carolina. (S. Rept. No. 110–180)
- H.R. 1126, to reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988. (S. Rept. No. 110–181)

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Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Levin/McCain Modified Amendment No. 2174, to provide, with an offset, \$59,041,000 for other procurement for the Army for the General Fund Enterprise Business System of the Army.

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Levin Amendment No. 2175, to modify the requirements on the Defense Science Board Review of the Department of Defense policies and procedures for the acquisition of information technology.

Levin (for Sessions) Amendment No. 2168, to express the sense of Congress on the procurement program for the KC–X tanker aircraft. Page S11543

Levin (for Clinton) Amendment No. 2108, to require a report on the planning and implementation of the policy of the United States towards Darfur.

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Levin (for Hagel) Amendment No. 2015, to provide for additional members on the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council.

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Levin (for Chambliss/Pryor) Amendment No. 2050, to require a report on surveys of patient satisfaction at military treatment facilities. Page S11544

Levin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 2120, to require an additional element in the management plan for the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Fund.

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Levin (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2056, to provide support and assistance for families of members of the Armed Forces who are undergoing deployment.

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Levin (for Sessions/Shelby) Amendment No. 2147, to authorize the Air University to confer additional academic degrees. Page S11545

Levin (for Clinton) Amendment No. 2047, to specify additional individuals eligible to transportation for survivors of deceased members of the Armed Forces to attend their burial ceremonies.

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Levin (for Coleman) Amendment No. 2117, to revise the authorized variances on end strengths authorized for Selected Reserve personnel. Page \$11545

Levin (for McCain) Amendment No. 2190, to designate the positions of Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretaries of the military departments for acquisition matters as critical acquisition positions.

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Levin (for Reed/Collins) Amendment No. 2199, to require a Comptroller General assessment of the Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research.

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Levin (for Gregg/Boxer) Amendment No. 2203, to express the sense of Congress on family care plans and the deployment of members of the Armed Forces who have minor dependents.

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Levin (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2201, to amend the American Servicemembers' Protection Act of 2002 to repeal the limitations on providing United States military assistance to parties to the International Criminal Court.

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Levin (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2200, to prescribe that members of the Armed Forces and veterans out of uniform may render the military salute during hoisting, lowering, or passing of the flag.

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Levin (for Gregg) Amendment No. 2112, to require studies on support services for families of members of the Active and Reserve Components who are undergoing deployment.

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Levin (for Voinovich) Amendment No. 2099, to extend the date on which the National Security Personnel System will first apply to certain defense laboratories.

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Levin/McCain Amendment No. 2212, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to provide for the protection of certain individuals.

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Levin (for Clinton/Whitehouse) Amendment No. 2222, to prevent nuclear terrorism. Pages S11547–48

Levin (for Warner/Webb) Modified Amendment No. 2230, relative to limitation on assistance to the government of Thailand. Page S11548

Levin (for Salazar/Sessions) Modified Amendment No. 2234, to provide authority for Department of Defense to provide support for certain sporting events.

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Levin (for Webb/Warner) Amendment No. 2272, to extend and modify the authorities on Commission to Assess the Threat to the United States from Electromagnetic Pulse Attack.

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Levin (for Sessions) Amendment No. 2220, to authorize the payment of inactive duty training travel costs for certain Selected Reserve members.

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Levin (for Kohl/Warner) Amendment No. 2276, to require a report on the implementation of the green procurement policy of the Department of Defense.

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Levin (for Cornyn/Dole) Amendment No. 2257, to provide that the study on the national security interagency system shall focus on improving interagency cooperation in post-conflict contingency relief and reconstruction operations.

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Levin (for Akaka) Amendment No. 2281, to require a report on the control of the brown tree snake.

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Levin (for McCaskill) Amendment No. 2250, to provide for a review of licensed mental health counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists under the TRICARE program.

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Levin (for Menendez) Amendment No. 2254, to require a Department of Defense Inspector General report on physical security of Department of Defense installations.

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Levin (for Durbin) Amendment No. 2268, to provide for an increase in the number of nurses and faculty.

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Levin (for Sessions) Amendment No. 2292, to provide for continuity and efficiency of the depot operations of the Department of Defense to reset combat equipment and vehicles in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan

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Levin (for Dole) Amendment No. 2305, to require a report on counternarcotics assistance for the Government of Haiti.

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Levin (for Coleman/Klobuchar) Amendment No. 2216, relating to satisfaction by members of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty of applicable professional licensure and certification requirements.

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Levin (for Biden) Amendment No. 2309, to require a report on the airfield in Abeche, Chad, and other resources needed to provide stability in the Darfur region.

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Levin (for Schumer) Amendment No. 2308, to authorize, with an offset, an additional \$162,800,000 for Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense-wide, to combat the growth of poppies in Afghanistan, to eliminate the production and trade of opium and heroin, and to prevent terrorists from using the proceeds for terrorist activities in Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere.

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Levin (for Salazar) Amendment No. 2310, to express the sense of Congress regarding Department of Defense actions to address the encroachment of military installations.

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Levin (for McCaskill/Collins) Amendment No. 2617, to provide further protection for contractor employees from reprisal for disclosure of certain information.

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Levin (for Hatch/Crapo) Amendment No. 2313, to commend the founder and members of Project Compassion. Page S11553

Levin (for Chambliss) Amendment No. 2863, to express the sense of the Senate on collaborations between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs on health care for wounded warriors.

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Levin (for Chambliss) Amendment No. 2282, to establish a National Guard yellow ribbon integration program. Page S11554

Levin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 2210, to modify a reporting requirement. Pages S11554-55

Levin (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 2291, to require a report on the search and rescue capabilities of the Air Force in the northwestern United States.

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Levin (for Brown) Amendment No. 2096, to require a comprehensive accounting of the funding required to ensure that the plan for implementing the final recommendations of the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission remains on schedule.

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Levin (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 2315, to authorize a land conveyance at the Lewis and Clark United States Army Reserve Center, Bismarck, North Dakota.

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Levin (for Dodd) Amendment No. 2176, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to review the application of certain authorities under the Defense Production Act of 1950. Pages S11555–56

Levin (for Cardin) Amendment No. 2326, to grant a Federal charter to the Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated.

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Levin (for Pryor) Amendment No. 2263, to enhance the availability of rest and recuperation leave.

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Levin (for Chambliss) Amendment No. 2294, to require the Secretary of Defense to submit a plan to ensure the appropriate size of the Department of Defense acquisition workforce.

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Levin Modified Amendment No. 2277, to require a report on water conservation projects. Page S11557

Levin (for McConnell) Amendment No. 2862, to authorize to be increased by up to \$49,300,000 the amount authorized to be appropriated for the construction of munitions demilitarization facilities at Blue Grass Army Depot, Kentucky, and Pueblo Chemical Depot, Colorado, and to ensure the timely destruction of lethal chemical agents and munitions.

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Withdrawn:

Levin Amendment No. 2087 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for a reduction and transition of United States forces in Iraq. Pages \$11558-59

Reed Amendment No. 2088 (to Amendment No. 2087), to change the enactment date. Pages S11558-59

Dodd (for Levin) Amendment No. 2274 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2011), to provide for a reduction and transition of United States forces in Iraq. Pages S11558–59

Levin Amendment No 2275 (to Amendment No. 2274), to provide for a reduction and transition of United States forces in Iraq. Pages \$11558-59

Pending:

Nelson (NE) (for Levin) Amendment No. 2011, in the nature of a substitute. Page S11541

Levin (for Specter/Leahy) Amendment No. 2022, to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

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Warner (for Graham/Kyl) Amendment No. 2064, to strike section 1023, relating to the granting of civil rights to terror suspects. Pages \$11559-69

A motion was entered to close further debate on Levin (for Specter/Leahy) Amendment No. 2022 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, September 19, 2007.

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Rate Payer Recovery Act—Referral Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from further consideration of S. 2006, to provide for disaster assistance for power transmission and distribution facilities, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of each of the 18 Iraqi benchmarks, as received during recess of the Senate on September 14, 2007; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–25)

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Petitions and Memorials: Pages \$11577-85

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:12 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 18, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11614.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 3539–3557; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 210–212; and H. Res. 651–657 were introduced. **Pages H10432–34**

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H10434-35

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Supplemental report on H.R. 1852, to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to use riskbased pricing to more effectively reach underserved borrowers (H. Rept. 110–217, Pt. 2);

H. R. 2698, to authorize appropriations for the civil aviation research and development projects and activities of the Federal Aviation Administration, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–329);

H. Res. 650, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1852) to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to use risk-based pricing to more effectively reach underserved borrowers (H. Rept. 110–330); and

H.R. 2881, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–331).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Ruppersberger to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:31 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H10371

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a report that assesses the status of each of the 18 Iraqi benchmarks contained in Public Law 110–28 and declares whether satisfactory progress toward meeting these benchmarks is, or is not, being achieved—referred to the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–58).

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Congratulating scientists F. Sherwood Rowland, Mario Molina, and Paul Crutzen for their work in atmospheric chemistry, particularly concerning the formation and decomposition of ozone, that led to the development of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer: H. Res. 593, to congratulate scientists F. Sherwood Rowland, Mario Molina, and Paul Crutzen for their work in atmospheric chemistry, particularly concerning the formation and decomposition of ozone, that led to the development of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer;

Pages H10372-73

Establishing a Science and Technology Scholar-ship Program to award scholarships to recruit and prepare students for careers in the National Weather Service and in National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration marine research, atmospheric research, and satellite programs: H.R. 1657, to establish a Science and Technology Scholarship Program to award scholarships to recruit and prepare students for careers in the National Weather Service and in National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration marine research, atmospheric research, and satellite programs, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 360 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 868;

Pages H10373-75, H10407

Extending for two months the authorities of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation: H.R. 3527, to extend for two months the authorities of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 347 yeas to 30 nays, Roll No. 869; Pages H10384, H10407-08

Providing authority to the Peace Corps to provide separation pay for host country resident personal services contractors of the Peace Corps: H.R. 3528, to provide authority to the Peace Corps to provide separation pay for host country resident personal services contractors of the Peace Corps;

Pages H10384-85

Commending the first democratic elections in Aceh, a province in Sumatra, Indonesia, and expressing support for the further democratic development and implementation of the Helsinki Memorandum of Understanding: H. Res. 238, to commend the first democratic elections in Aceh, a province in Sumatra, Indonesia, and to express support for the further democratic development and implementation of the Helsinki Memorandum of Understanding;

Pages H10391–93

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of the People's Republic of China should immediately release from custody the children of Rebiya Kadeer and Canadian citizen Huseyin Celil and should refrain from further engaging in acts of cultural, linguistic, and religious suppression directed against the Uyghur people: H. Res. 497, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of the People's Republic of China should immediately release from custody the children of Rebiya Kadeer and Canadian citizen Huseyin Celil and should refrain from further engaging in acts of cultural, linguistic, and religious suppression directed against the Uyghur people;

Pages H10393–95

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of Malaysia's independence: H. Res. 518, amended, to recognize the 50th anniversary of Malaysia's independence;

Pages H10395-97

Recognizing the remarkable example of Sir Nicholas Winton who organized the rescue of 669 Jewish Czechoslovakian children from Nazi death camps prior to the outbreak of World War II: H. Res. 583, to recognize the remarkable example of Sir Nicholas Winton who organized the rescue of 669 Jewish Czechoslovakian children from Nazi death camps prior to the outbreak of World War II;

Pages H10397-H10400

Commending the actions of the Government of Germany and its cooperation with United States intelligence agencies in preventing a large-scale terrorist attack against locations in Germany, including sites frequented by Americans: H. Res. 639, amended, to commend the actions of the Government of Germany and its cooperation with United States intelligence agencies in preventing a large-scale terrorist attack against locations in Germany, including sites frequented by Americans; and

Pages H10400-01

Awarding a Congressional Gold Medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.: H.R. 1154, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.

Pages H10401–06

Supplemental Report: Agreed that the Committee on Financial Services be permitted to file a supplemental report on H.R. 1852, to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to use risk-based pricing to more effectively reach underserved borrowers.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:48 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H10406**

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Regional Economic and Infrastructure Development Act of 2007: H.R. 3246, amended, to amend title 40, United States Code, to provide a comprehensive regional approach to economic and infrastructure development in the most severely economi-

cally distressed regions in the Nation, by a 2/3 yeaand-nay vote of 225 yeas to 152 nays, Roll No. 867. Pages H10375-84, H10406-07

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Tuesday, September 18th:

Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2007: H.R. 3096, amended, to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam. Pages H10385-91

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H10435.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10406–07, H10407, H10407–08. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXPANDING HOMEOWNERSHIP ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1852, Expanding Homeownership Act of 2007, divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services, modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted. The bill as amended shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill as amended.

The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report. The further amendments made in order in Part B may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subjected to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule

XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instruction. The rules provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frank, Representatives Waters and Biggert.

TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE REVISION AND EXTENSION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Heard testimony from Chairman Frank and Representatives Brown-Waite and Buchanan, but action was deferred on H.R. 2761, The Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act of 1007.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1137)

S.1, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process. Signed on September 14, 2007. (Public Law 110–81)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold an oversight hearing on the National Football League retirement system, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine breaking the methamphetamine supply chain, focusing on meeting challenges at the border, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Christopher Egan, of Massachusetts, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine corporate fraud prosecutions and the attorney-client privilege under the McNulty Memorandum, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 17 through September 22, 2007

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday* at 11 a.m., Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 1124, District of Columbia College Access Act, consider certain amendments, and after a period of debate, vote on passage of the bill. At

approximately 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1257, District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act.

On Wednesday, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Levin (for Specter/Leahy) Amendment No. 2022 to H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 19, business meeting to markup S. 1518, to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and H.R. 835, to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians, and an original bill entitled, "FHA Modernization Act of 2007," 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 18, to hold an oversight hearing on the National Football League retirement system, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 20, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 1143, to designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape System, S. 2034, to amend the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 to designate the Copper Salmon Wilderness and to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the North and South Forks of the Elk River in the State of Oregon as wild or scenic rivers, S. 1377, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the City of Henderson, Nevada, certain Federal land located in the City, S. 1608 and H.R. 815, bills to provide for the conveyance of certain land in Clark County, Nevada, for use by the Nevada National Guard, S. 1740, to amend the Act of February 22, 1889, and the Act of July 2, 1862, to provide for the management of public land trust funds in the State of North Dakota, S. 1802, to adjust the boundaries of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness in the State of Idaho, S. 1939, to provide for the conveyance of certain land in the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico, S. 1940, to reauthorize the Rio Puerco Watershed Management Program, and S. 1433, to amend the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to provide competitive status to certain Federal employees in the State of Alaska, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 19, Subcommittee on Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality, to hold hearings to examine America's wastewater infrastructure needs in the 21st century, 10 a.m., SD–406.

September 20, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 589, to provide for the transfer of certain Federal property to the United States Paralympics, Incorporated, a subsidiary of the United States Olympic Committee, and General Service Administration resolutions, 9:55 a.m., SD–406.

September 20, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the condition of our nation's bridges, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: September 18, to hold hearings to examine breaking the methamphetamine supply chain, focusing on meeting challenges at the border, 10 a.m., SD–215.

September 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine a review of bank treatment of social security benefits, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 18, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Christopher Egan, of Massachusetts, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

September 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robin Renee Sanders, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Barry Leon Wells, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia, Mark M. Boulware, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, James D. McGee, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, and Ronald K. McMullen, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the State of Eritrea, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

September 19, Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Democracy and Human Rights, to hold hearings to examine the Everglades, focusing on protecting natural treasures through international organizations, 3 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 20, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the Office of Management and Budget's oversight on ongoing information systems projects, focusing on the efficacy of the management practices use by agencies to ensure the success of the projects, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: September 19, to hold hearings to examine the process of federal recognition of Indian tribes, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 18, to hold hearings to examine corporate fraud prosecutions and the attorney-client privilege under the McNulty Memorandum, 10:30 a.m., SD–226.

September 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the "material support to terrorist organizations" bar to admission to asylum and resettlement in the United States, focusing on the denial of refuge to the persecuted, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: September 19, to hold a hearing to examine S. 1905, to provide for a rotating schedule for regional selection of delegates to a na-

tional Presidential nominating convention, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: September 20, to hold hearings to examine expanding opportunities for women entrepreneurs, focusing on the future of women's small business programs, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: September 19, to hold hearings to examine the current state of affairs for information technology with the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD–562.

September 20, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation by the American Legion, 9:30 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 18, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

September 20, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

Special Committee on Aging: September 19, to hold hearings to examine preparing for the digital television transition, focusing on how senior citizens will be affected, 10:30 a.m., SD–106.

House Committees

Committeee on Armed Services, September 18, Sub-committee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the benefits and medical care for Federal and U.S. contractor employees deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

September 20, full Committee, hearing on Accountability During Contingency Operations: Preventing and Fighting Corruption in Contracting and Establishing and Maintaining Appropriate Controls on Materiel, 11:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, September 20, hearing on Using Taxpayers' Dollars Most Efficiently: Perspectives on Performance Budgeting, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, September 18, Sub-committee on Health Families and Communities, hearing on the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

September 18, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on the Family and Medical Leave Act: Extending Coverage to Military Families Left at Home, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

September 19, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1644, Re-Empowerment of Skilled and Professional Employees and Construction Tradesworkers (RESPECT) Act, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, September 18, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Answering the Call: Medical Monitoring and Treatment of 9/11 Health Effects," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

September 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Nuclear Terrorism Prevention: Status Report on the Federal Government's Assessment of New Radiation Detection Monitors," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 19, and 20, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearings entitled "Protecting Children from Lead-Tainted Imports," 10 a.m., on September 19 and 9:30 a.m., on September 20, 2123 Rayburn.

September 19, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Issues in Emergency Communications: A Legislative hearing on H.R. 3403, 911 Modernization and Public Safety Act of 2007, and an Oversight hearing of the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Emergency Communications," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, September 18, to consider the following: H.R. 2868, to eliminate the exemption from State regulation for certain securities designated by national securities; H.R. 2930, Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Act of 2007; H.R. 2787, CJ's Home Protection Act of 2007; a measure to require rapid implementation of guidelines and regulations regarding the accuracy of consumer information furnished to consumer reporting agencies that were required to be established by the Fair and Accurate Credit Translations Act of 2003 and have not been implemented, to provide that the Federal Trade Commission shall take the lead in implementation of the guidelines and regulations; a measure to include all banking agencies within the existing regulatory authority under the Federal Trade Commission Act with respect to depository institutions; and to consider pending Committee business, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 20, hearing entitled Legislative and Regulatory Options for Minimizing and Mitigating Mortgage foreclosures," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, September 18, Sub-committee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on U.S. Relations with Saudi Arabia: Oil, Anxiety, and Ambivalence, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 19, full Committee, hearing on Assessment of the Administration's September Report on the Status of U.S. Political and Military Efforts in Iraq, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 19, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on U.S.-Brazil Relations, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 20, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, hearing on U.S. Assistance in East Asia and the Pacific: An Overview, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, September 18, hearing entitled "The Grades Are In—Is the Department of Homeland Security Measuring Up?" 2:30 p.m., 311 Cannon

September 20, hearing entitled "Protecting the Protectors: Ensuring the Health and Safety of Our First Responders in the Wake of Catastrophic Disasters," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 18, hearing on Warrantless Surveillance and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act: The Role of Checks and Balances in Protecting Americans' Privacy Rights (Part II), 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 19, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the Regulatory Improvement Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 20, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, hearing on the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Fee Increase Rule, 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, September 18, Sub-committee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, oversight hearing entitled "Management of the Statue of Liberty National Monument," 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 18, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2733, Trinity River Restoration Fund Act of 2007; and H.R. 2085, McGee Creek Project Pipeline and Associated Facilities Conveyance Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 19, full Committee, oversight hearing on Diversifying Native Economies, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 20, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, to mark up H.R. 53, Virgin Islands National Park School Lease Act, 3 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, September 18, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, to mark up the following: H.R. 2780, To amend section 8339(p) of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the method for computing certain annuities under the Civil Service Retirement System which are based on part-time service; H.R. 1236, To make permanent the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a special postage stamp to support breast cancer research; H.R. 2414, Metropolitan Police Department and Fire Service Act of 2007; a measure to amend the Federal Merit System Reauthorization Act of 2007; and H.R. 1110, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

September 20, full Committee, hearing on Assessing the State of Iraqi Corruption; and to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 193, Recognizing all hunters across the United States for their continued commitment to safety; H. Res. 303, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a day ought to be established to bring awareness to the issue of missing persons; H. Res. 584, Supporting the goals and ideals of "National Life Insurance Awareness Month;" H. Res. 605, Supporting the goals and ideals of Gold Star Mothers Day; H. Res. 641, Acknowledging the importance of understanding the history of the United States of America and recognizing the need to foster civic responsibility in all citizens; H.R. 2089, To designate the facility of the Unites States Postal Service located at 701 Lovola Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Louisiana Armed Services Veterans Post Office;" H.R. 2276, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 North Main Street in Vassar, Michigan, as the "Corporal Christopher E. Esckelson Post Office Building;" H.R. 3233, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Highway 49 South in Piney Woods,

Mississippi, as the "Laurence C. and Grace M. Jones Post Office Building;" H.R. 3297, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 950 West Trenton Avenue in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, as the "Nate DeTample Post Office Building;" H.R. 3307, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 570 Broadway, Bayonne, New Jersey, as the "Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building;" H.R. 3308, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 216 Main Street in Atwood, Indiana, as the "Lance Corporal David K. Fribley Post Office;" H.R. 3325, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 235 Mountain Road in Suffield, Connecticut, as the "Corporal Stephen B. Bixler Post Office;" H.R. 3382, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 299 North William Street in Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the "Philip A. Baddour, Sr. Post Office;" H.R. 3518, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1430 South Highway 29 in Cantonment, Florida, as the "Charles H. Hendix Post Office Building;" H.R. 1236, To make permanent the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a special postage stamp to support breast cancer research; and H.R. 1110, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, September 19, to consider H.R. 2881, FAA Reauthorization Act of 2007, 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, September 19, hearing on Bridge Safety: Next Steps to Protect the Nation's Critical Infrastructure, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, September 19, hearing to examine the Small Business Administration's contracting programs, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

September 20, to mark up an Investment measure, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 19, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Cruise Ship Security Practices and Procedures, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, September 18, hearing on the state of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 11 a.m., 334 Cannon.

September 19, full Committee, hearing on the findings of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

September 20, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, oversight hearing on Licensure and Certification of Transitioning Veterans, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, September 18, to mark up the following: H.R. 3375, To extend the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 for 3 months; the Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act of 2007; and the Airport and Airway Trust Fund Financing Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

September 19, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up H.R. 1424, Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

September 19, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing on Unemployment Insurance to Reduce Barriers for Jobless Workers, 1 p.m., B–318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, September 18, hearing on FISA, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

September 18, executive, briefing on current efforts against Biological threats, 2 p.m., H–405 Capitol.

September 19, executive, briefing on Hot-Spots, 8:45 a.m., H–405 Capitol.

September 20, hearing on FISA with the DNI, 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, September 20, hearing entitled "Renewable Electricity Standards: Lighting the Way," 9 a.m., room to be announced.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: September 19, to hold hearings to examine the evolution of an economic crisis, focusing on the subprime lending disaster and the threat to the broader economy, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Joint Hearing: September 20, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation by the American Legion, 9:30 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

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Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 1124, District of Columbia College Access Act, consider certain amendments, and after a period of debate, vote on passage of the bill. At approximately 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1257, District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act.

(Senate will recess following the disposition of H.R. 1124, District of Columbia College Access Act, until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H. Res. 326—Commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; (2) H. Con. Res. 207—Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the United States Air Force as an independent military service; (3) H. Res. 443— Recognizing the service of the 65th Infantry Boringueneers during the Korean War, honoring the people of Puerto Rico who continue to serve and volunteer for service in the Armed Forces and make sacrifices for the country, and commending all efforts to promote and preserve the history of the 65th Infantry Boringueneers; and (4) H. Res. 604—Expressing the nation's sincerest appreciation and thanks for the service of the members of the 303rd Bombardment Group (Heavy) upon the occasion of the final reunion of the 303rd Bomb Group (H) Association. Consideration of H.R. 1852—Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007 (Subject to a Rule).

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